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In re Patent Application of Graham Louis WILSON	
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For: HOT SPRUE SYSTEM FOR DIECASTING	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-5, 9-12, 15-18 and 20 with the following amended claims:

3. A method according to claim 2 including the step of:
uniformly accelerating the molten diecasting metal as it flows along the melt path, the uniform acceleration of the diecasting metal being enabled by uniformly reducing the cross-sectional area of the channels of the melt path in the direction of flow.